

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

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A RESOLUTION to encourage public utilities, utility districts, and cooperatives operating in Tennessee to increase their use of renewable energy sources.

WHEREAS, stable, affordable energy is vital to the economy and security of the people of the State of Tennessee and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the use of clean, renewable energy sources has many benefits, including minimal environmental impact and dramatic air quality improvement, and constitutes a preferred alternative to third-world energy development; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy is defined as energy derived from wind, the sun, geothermal sources, hydrogen derived from biomass or water, biomass or bio-based products, and recycled materials comprised primarily of cellulose; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Tennessee to have access to the most effective, efficient, and environmentally sound methods of renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that renewable forms and sources of energy can supplement the production of energy from existing natural resources; and

WHEREAS, technology is available to produce renewable energy from these renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, the use of renewable energy will reduce the state's dependency on imported energy sources and on energy sources that harm the environment through the production of greenhouse gases; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges and encourages public utilities, utility

districts, and cooperatives operating in Tennessee to increase their use of renewable energy sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association, and the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association.